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COUNTY OFFERS ONE-STOP SHOPPING FOR PET OWNERS SEEKING RABIES VACCINATION, LICENSING AND MICRO-CHIPPING FOR THEIR PETS

The County of San Diego Department of Animal Services will offer inexpensive rabies vaccinations, dog licenses and micro-chipping on Sunday, June 24, 2007. The clinic will be held from Noon to 2 p.m. at the County animal shelter located at 5821 Sweetwater Road in Bonita.

"Get the shot, the license and the microchip, and pick up a coupon to spay or neuter your pet" said Dawn Danielson, director of County Animal Services.

Coupons will take \$25 or \$50 off the price of the surgery for residents who live in the County service region, which is in the unincorporated areas and cities that contract with the County, including San Diego, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, and Santee.

Rabies vaccinations for dogs (four months or older) and cats (three months or older) will be available for \$6. Dog licenses, required by law, may be purchased for one, two, or three years. Anyone who has failed to license their dog or has allowed their dog's annual license to expire will be offered amnesty from any late fees during the event. With proof of a dog license, Animal Services will microchip dogs for a one-time fee of \$20, which includes the registration.

A microchip is a small transponder, the size of a grain of rice, which is injected under the skin containing pet owner's contact information. It remains implanted in the animal forever. By simply scanning the animal's microchip, staff can locate the owner of a lost pet.

The Department also welcomes both cats and rabbits for micro-chipping, there is no licensing requirement for these animals.

For the protection of owners and their pets, dogs must be on a leash and cats and rabbits in a carrier while at the clinic. For more information, contact County Animal Services at (619) 767-2675 or visit www.sddac.com.

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